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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DIANNE FEINSTEIN, a Senator from the State of California.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, holy, powerful, loving, and good, thank You for Your love expressed in the beauty of the Earth and in the glory of the skies. Use the Members of this body today as instruments of Your providence. Where there is loneliness, let them bring community. Where there is sadness, let them bring joy. Where there is sickness, let them bring health. Where there is poverty, let them bring relief and true wealth. As they seek to serve You, give them the peaceful satisfaction of knowing that they please You. Strengthen them to press on with the work of the day, alert to feel Your hand upon their shoulders.

And, Lord, comfort those who mourn the losses from the bridge collapse in Minnesota.

We pray in Your strong Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable DIANNE FEINSTEIN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, August 2, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DIANNE FEINSTEIN, a Senator from the State of California, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, this morning there will be 2 hours of debate on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 1, the Lobbying and Ethics Reform Act.

The time is to be equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees. Following the 2 hours, the leaders will, if they wish, use leader time to conclude the debate. Therefore, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture is expected to occur at around 11:45, or shortly thereafter.

After that cloture vote, we will remain on the lobbying measure until we complete action.

I have spoken to the participants. It appears they are not going to require a lot of time. That should not take much time, so we can get back to work on the matter relating to children's health.

The manager on our side this morning is going to be the distinguished chair of the Rules Committee, Senator FEINSTEIN. She will be first recognized because she is the manager of the bill.

### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST— H.R. 2900

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 270, H.R. 2900, the FDA reauthorization bill; that all after the enacting clause be stricken and Senator KENNEDY's substitute amendment be inserted in lieu thereof; that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees, with the conferees being the members of the HELP Committee.

Further, there were tax measures in this matter that we dealt with on the floor. They have been stricken from the bill. That is what Senator KENNEDY's amendment is all about. I hope we could go to conference on this matter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. AKAKA). Is there objection?

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, and before I object, I need to understand the rationale of the majority leader to propound the request at this time. I sent a letter last week. I ask unanimous consent that the letter be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE, COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND  
PENSIONS,

Washington, DC, July 27, 2007.

Hon. HARRY REID,  
Majority Leader, Hart Senate Office Building,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. MITCH MCCONNELL,  
Minority Leader, Russell Senate Office Building,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR REID AND SENATOR MCCONNELL: I urge you to appoint conferees as soon as possible to S. 1082, a bill that renews expiring authorities at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as well as reforms our drug safety system.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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